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PBRS HAS MAJOR ROLE IN SABAH'S DEVELOPMENT, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Barisan Nasional (BN) has a big responsibility in ensuring continuous peace and prosperity in the country.

Hence, the Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS), as a BN component member, is not exempted in playing this role especially in ensuring the coalition to have the confidence of the people.

"BN component parties in the state should strive for an open and rational thinking among the people to enable them to compete in any fields with other communities in Malaysia".

Dr Mahathir said this in his message in the souvenir programme in conjunction with the PBRS Annual Congress on Oct 27-29.

He said the narrow and shallow thinking along racial and state lines have no benefits for the people and nation.

"Therefore I hope this will be the main agenda by the PBRS and all other BN component parties in dealing with challenges in the new millenium," he said.

With the "Malaysia Boleh" and "Sabah Boleh" spirit, Dr Mahathir said he believed the Sabah BN can achieved its agenda.

He said unity is the vital aspect in continuing BN's efforts to safeguard the people's and nation's interest.

Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is expected to open the PBRS Congress on Oct 28 at the Nexus Resort Karambunai, Menggatal.

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